



Fire Department

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **FIRE CADET PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

**WHAT:** The Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) will have two informational meetings to answer questions about, and to accept applications for, the Fire Cadet Program which is open to youth 17 to 19 years of age.

**WHO:** Assistant Chief Gerard Washington  
Milwaukee Firefighters  
Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission representatives

**WHEN:** Saturday February 18, 2012  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center**  
1531 West Vliet Street

**Kosciuszko Community Center**  
2201 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street

**DETAILS:** The Milwaukee Fire Department will be at two local community centers to offer information about the Fire Cadet Program. We welcome students, parents, teachers, and counselors to come and learn about the changes made as we reintroduce the program.

The Fire Cadet Program has been completely revamped to better focus on the education of firefighters. Fire Cadets will gain certification as a Level I Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) from the Milwaukee Fire Department. They will also be required to continue their education by taking 12 college credits per year at a school of their choice. Fire Cadets will have the opportunity to work throughout the various MFD bureaus learning about the many aspects of our department. Fire Cadets will have to successfully complete a minimum of two years in the program to be considered for a Fire Recruit class.

To qualify as an applicant, students must be 17-19 years old, graduate from high school with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher, and be a US citizen or be authorized to work in the United States. The testing process begins with a written exam, then moves on to a physical agility test and interviews. Prior to being hired, applicants will be subject to a background investigation and be required to pass a medical physical.

We look forward to sharing the details of this exciting new opportunity. Please visit one of the open house locations to learn about the Fire Cadet Program and to fill out an application.

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